

United States Embassy Paris, France
Security Message for U.S. Citizens:
Protests in France to include Paris, Lyon, Marseille, Strasbourg and Lille

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The U.S. Embassy in Paris informs U.S. citizens of protests announced to take place on Saturday, July 19 in a number of cities in France. These protests are being organized by various civil organizations protesting against Israeli military operations in Palestine. Some demonstrations may occur without the approval of French authorities. For that reason, and due to the current political environment in the Middle East, spontaneous clashes or eruptions of violence cannot be ruled out.

Rallies are reportedly planned in cities including:

- **Paris** – Barbès-Rochechouart (on the border of the 9th, 10th and 18th arrondissements) at 3:00 pm;
- **Lyon** – Place de la République at 3:00 pm;
- **Marseille**– Vieux Port at 3:00 pm;
- **Lille**– République / Beaux-Arts métro station at 3 :00 pm;
- **Strasbourg** – Place Kleber at 3:00 pm.

We strongly encourage U.S. citizens to maintain a high level of vigilance, be aware of local events, and take the appropriate steps to bolster their personal security.

Even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and escalate into violence. U.S. citizens are therefore urged to avoid demonstrations, and to exercise caution if within the vicinity of any demonstrations.

We strongly recommend that U.S. citizens traveling or residing in France enroll in the Department of State's [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](#) at www.Travel.state.gov STEP enrollment gives you the latest security updates, and makes it easier for the U.S. embassy or nearest U.S. consulate to contact you in an emergency. If you don't have Internet access, enroll directly with the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate.

Regularly monitor the [State Department's website](#), where you can find current Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and the Worldwide Caution. Read the [Country](#)

[Specific Information for France](#). For additional information, refer to the [“Traveler’s Checklist”](#) on the State Department’s website.

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